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AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO

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PASS TO R. BOURDON, MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

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1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY AND CONGEN RIO DE JANEIRO WELCOME VISIT BY COMMERCE ASST SECRETARY BLACKWELL AND DELEGATION TO BRAZIL SEPTEMBER 10-15 AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL. IN ADDITION TO TALKS AND VISITS ARRANGED WITH SUNAMAM IN RIO FOR SEPT. 13-14, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS A PROGRAM IN BRASILIA SEPTEMBER 15 TO INCLUDE MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR, CALLS AT MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FINANCE AND TRANSPORTATION. END SUMMARY.

2. ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER AND MARATT VISITED SUNAMAM RIO MORNING OF AUGUST 12 AND CONFERRED WITH DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF NAVIGATION, COM. LUIZ JOAQUIM CAMPOS ALHANATI, AND CHIEF OF CABINET, ADMIRAL PAULO CARVALHO DA FORSECA E SILVA CONCERNING ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS BLACKWELL'S VISIT TO BRAZIL.

3. TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON FOLLOWING RIO SCHEDULE FOR BLACKWELL DEL: MONDAY SEPT 13, 09:30 HOURS MEET WITH SUNAMAM SUPERINTENDENT, COM. MANOEL
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ABUB, TO DISCUSS EXISTING US/BRAZIL SHIPPING MATTERS OF MUTUAL

INTEREST; 20:30 HOURS, BLACKWELL TO HOST RECEPTION
AT CONSULATE GEN FOR SUNAMAM WITH INVITEES TO
INCLUDE US AND BRAZILIAN SHIPPING INDUSTRY OFFICIALS;
TUESDAY, 10:00 HRS, BLACKWELL DEL TO VISIT ISHIKAWAJIMA
DO BRASIL SHIPYARD; 2030 HRS, SUNAMAM TO HOST RECEPTION
FOR BLACKWELL DELEGATION.

4. SUNAMAM PLANS TO HAVE REPS MEET AND WELCOME BLACKWELL
DEL ON ITS ARRIVAL FROM BUENOS AIRES AT RIO AIRPOST
LATE EVENING OF SEPT 10, AFTER WHICH DEL WILL PROCEED
TO COPACABANA PALACE HOTEL WHERE RESERVATIONS CONFIRMED
EVENING OF SEPT 10 THROUGH SEPT 15.

5. EMBOFF ON AUGUST 12 AND 13 DISCUSSED WITH COUNSELOR
HELICIO TAVARES PIRES, CHIEF OF OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION
OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT, THE BLACKWELL'S
DELEGATION VISIT TO BRAZIL. PIRES SAID THAT THE
GOB HAD INTENDED TO INVITE SECRETARY BLACKWELL TO
VISIT BRAZIL, BUT THAT IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY NOW THAT
HE IS COMING ANYWAY. HE ALSO SHOWED EMBOFF COPY OF US
TELEX TO SUNAMAM REGARDING THE BLACKWELL VISIT OUTLINING
THE SUBSTANCE POINTS TO BE DISCUSSED. (COMMENT: FOREIGN
MINISTRY IS SENSITIVE TO DIRECT APPROACHES BY FOREIGN
GOVERNMENTS TO GOB AGENCIES WHICH ARE NOT CHanneled
THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY. IN OTHER TRANSPORTATION AREAS
WHERE INITIAL CONTACT WAS MADE OUTSIDE THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY, THE MATTER HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE EMBASSY'S
ATTENTION VIA DIPLOMATIC NOTE. END COMMENT.) EMBASSY
MUST HAVE COPY OF TELEX FOR ITS OWN INFORMATION AND
PREPARATION FOR VISIT. PLEASE REPEAT.

6. PIRES ALSO SAID THAT THE HEAD OF THE ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT
OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE
BLACKWELL DELEGATION. EMBOFF AGREED THAT THIS WOULD BE
USEFUL IN VIEW OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S INTEREST IN
MARITIME MATTERS. IN ADDITION THE CALL AT THE MINISTRY OF
TRANSPORTATION WAS DISCUSSED AND IT WAS ANTICIPATED THAT
IT WOULD PROBABLY BE PRIMARILY A COURTESY CALL. IN THE
EVENT THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION IS NOT IN BRAZIL
SEPTEMBER 15, A CALL ON THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WOULD SERVE
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THE PURPOSE.

7. SINCE WE EXPECT AND WANT DISCRIMINATORY APPLICATION OF
FISCAL INCENTIVES TO BE DISCUSSED, EMBASSY ALSO RECOMMENDS
A CALL ON THE FINANCE MINISTRY. UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED, EMB
WILL ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE FINMIN OFFICIALS
IN BRASILIA.

8. THE AMBASSADOR WILL BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH THE
BALCKWELL DELEGATION ON SEPTEMBER 15. EMBASSY WOULD
APPRECIATE RECEIVING ETA AND ETD FOR BRASILIA PORTION OF
VISIT TO BRAZIL IN ORDER TO FACILITATE EMBASSY'S
ARRANGEMENT HERE.
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